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KETTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1971

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I submit herewith my Annual Report for the year 1971. The report is presented in the form required by the Department of Health and Social Security.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	17,735
Population estimated mid - 1971	3,770
Number of inhabited houses	1,324
Rateable Value	£189,801
Sum represented by Penny Rate (1p)	£2463.86p

VITAL STATISTICS

	Male	Female	Total
Live births - legitimate	23	15	38
- illegitimate	1	1	2
Still births - legitimate	-	1	1
- illegitimate	-	-	-

	District		England & Wales
	Crude	Corrected	1971
Live birth Rate	10.6	10.6	16.0
Death Rate	12.5	15.3	11.6
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	Nil		18.0

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CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Larynx	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Prostate	1	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	-
Diabetes Mellitus	1	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	12	6
Other forms of Heart Disease	3	1
Cerebrovascular Disease	2	2
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	2
Pneumonia	1	2
Bronchitis & Emphysema	1	-
Peptic Ulcer	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	1
All other External Causes	1	-
	29	18

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Age distribution of Notified Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1971

Disease	Under 1	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 9	10 14	15 24	25 34	35 44	45 64	65 & over	Total
Measles	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1971

TABULAR STATEMENT OF INSPECTIONS

Housing	106
Meat and Foods	14
Factories	27
Offices and Shops	22
Refuse Collection & Disposal	183
Sewage Disposal	476
Building	581
Rodent Control	130
Miscellaneous	362
Total	1901

NOTICES SERVED

	Issued	Complied With
Informal	19	19
Statutory	3	3

MEAT AND FOODS

There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the District, the requirements of the two local butchers are met chiefly from wholesale meat suppliers.

Preserved Food, etc., Food and Drugs Act

There are no changes in the Register to report.

Milk and Dairies

There are no changes in the Register to report.

FACTORIES

There are no changes in the register to report.

Complaints were received of an alleged noise nuisance from one factory premises. A number of visits were made to the site to take noise readings and the latter was thoroughly investigated, but a public health nuisance was not proved.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

There was no incidence of food poisoning.

It was only necessary to take action in respect of one flea infestation this year.

NEW BUILDINGS

During the year a record 177 plans were deposited of which 133 were approved, 1 disapproved, 1 withdrawn and 42 exempt from Building Regulations. This represents an increase of nearly 60% on the previous year.

The approved plans included those for 55 private dwellings comprising 30 at Ketton, 16 at Essendine and 9 at Ryhall. In addition three plans were submitted for the conversion of buildings into dwellings at Ketton, Essendine and Little Casterton respectively.

27 Private dwellings were completed during the year comprising 23 at Ketton, 2 at Essendine and 1 each at Ryhall and Great Casterton.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Although the volume of this work has increased during the year as more houses are built, the service has continued to operate very smoothly and this is reflected in the very few complaints received. A great deal of credit for this is due to the collectors, who have now worked together as a team for the past eleven years.

Bulky items of household refuse are removed by prior arrangement with me.

The refuse is desposed of at the Ryhall Road Tip, Great Casterton and also two loads are taken each week to the Oakham Urban District Council's tip at Pilton. The Ryhall Road Tip is rapidly being filled and it is unlikely to last another year. This will necessitate all refuse being taken to Pilton and will greatly increase the cost of the refuse collection and disposal service.

At the end of the year the Council decided to order a replacement refuse collection vehicle of a larger capacity than the existing one, to assist in coping with the increased volume of refuse.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Over 90% of the District now has main drainage facilities.

The Essendine and Ryhall Sewage Disposal scheme was completed during the year. An official opening of the Ryhall Works was performed in September. The works now deal with sewage from Ryhall, Essendine and the neighbouring village of Carlby which is situated in the South Kesteven Rural District. They have been designed to cater for a population of some 3,500 and it is evident that large scale development will take place in Ryhall in the next two years.

I reported last year that a scheme for the sewering of the Parish of Clipsham was already prepared. This entails pumping the sewage to the neighbouring village of Stretton. It was not possible to commence work on the scheme during the year because of delays in the purchasing of the pumping station site. However, the Council were anticipating a start on the scheme in the summer of 1972.

A pumping station was being erected on a private housing estate at Ketton to the Council's specification and this will ultimately be adopted by the Council.

At the end of the year the Council's Consulting Engineers were preparing a report on the Ketton Sewage Works which I had previously reported were becoming overloaded because of the increased development in the Parish. The works is seriously short of sludge drying facilities and requires mechanically-operated screens to replace the existing small hand-raked screens,

SEWAGE DISPOSAL CONTINUED ....

In order to overcome the sludge problem at Ketton, large quantities of liquid sludge were taken from the works and spread on the land in the Parish. It was possible to do this because of the long dry autumn but if we should have a wet autumn one year we could find ourselves in serious difficulties at Ketton, unless improvements are put in hand in the near future.

I am indebted to the four attendants employed on Sewage Disposal for the conscientious manner in which they carry out their work.

A further 9 premises were connected to the sewer at Ketton, 1 at Ryhall and 10 at Essendine.

Throughout the District a total of 12 pail closets were abolished and replaced by water closets. There are now only approximately 10 pails remaining in the District. The majority of these should be abolished when the Clipsham scheme is completed.

RAG FLOCK ACT

There are no registrations in force in the District.

PET ANIMALS ACT

There are no licensed premises in the District.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963

There are no registered establishments in the District.

WATER SUPPLIES

Water for the Parishes of Clipsham, Essendine, Great and Little Casterton, Ryhall and Tinwell is supplied by the South Lincolnshire Water Board whilst the Nene and Ouse Water Board supply Tixover and Ketton. There is a private supply for the Parish of Pickworth.

The results of samples taken by the Water Boards during the year for bacteriological examination have been satisfactory.

6 Samples were taken from a private supply and of these 5 were reported as unsatisfactory and one satisfactory. The owner of this supply is not using the water for drinking purposes, but I have suggested that a chlorinator be installed in this case.

Water samples were also taken from the swimming pools at Ryhall and Ketton Schools and these generally proved to be satisfactory.

RODENT CONTROL

Pest control work in the District is carried out by means of a contract with a Pest Control Company.

Private dwellings receive a free treatment for rodent infestation while any work at business premises is carried out on a re-chargeable basis.

The Council's refuse tip, sewage works and depot all received regular surveys to deal with any rodent infestation.

Arrangements can be made for dealing with other pests such as wasps, cockroaches, moles etc., but this is only carried out on a re-chargeable basis.

RODENT CONTROL CONTINUED ......

58 premises were treated for rats and 8 for mice and of this number 53 were dwelling houses.

In addition a 10% test baiting of all Council sewers was carried out and this revealed a minor infestation in five manholes in Ryhall which was quickly cleared.

The Council, for the second year running, participated with the other Rutland Authorities, the Ministry of Agriculture and representatives of the National Farmers Union in organizing and directing a rodent control campaign throughout the County.

HOUSING INSPECTION

No Council building was undertaken during the year.

This District is fortunate in not having a slum clearance problem. However, three unfit properties were dealt with, one by closure and two by demolition.

House owners are still taking advantage of the generous grants under the Housing Act, 1969 to improve dwellings.

During the year 8 houses were brought up to Discretionary Grant Standard and 8 to the Standard Grant requirements.

18 applications for grants resulted in the award of 8 Discretionary Grants and 10 Standard Grants.

The total cash value of grants approved during the year amounted to £10,100. In addition grants were made under the Local Authorities Historic Building Act 1968 for repairs to 4 houses.

The comprehensive improvement of the 6 Council Houses at Essendine was completed during the year.

No. of Visits	106
No. of Houses Inspected	47
No. of Houses found Unfit for Habitation	3
No. of Houses not in all respects fit	22

Remedy of Defects

No. of houses made fit as a result of informal action	19
No. of Houses closed as a result of Closing Orders.	1
No. of houses closed by accepting undertakings from owners.	-
No. of Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	2
No. of cases of overcrowding discovered.	-
No. of houses made fit by accepting a programme of works	7
No. of houses where part of a house closed by Closing Order.	-

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

No additional sites have been licensed during the year.

OFFICE, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Statistical information is given on a separate sheet.

A. R. Burt

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR & SURVEYOR

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

TABLE A
REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises (1)	Number of premises newly registered during the year (2)	Total number of registered premises at end of year (3)	Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year (4)
Offices	-	3	3
Retail shops	-	6	6
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	2	2
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	11	11

TABLE B

Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to registered premises	..22..

TABLE C
ANALYSIS BY WORKPLACE OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES AT END OF YEAR

Class of workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices	4
Retail shops	9
Wholesale departments, warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to the public	10
Canteens	4
Fuel storage depots	-
TOTAL	27
Total Males	7
Total Females	20

FACTORIES ACT, 1961 PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	12	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	15	15	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	20	27	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found

	Found	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
		Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness					
Overcrowding					
Temperature					
Inadequate Ventilation					
Ineffective drainage of floors					
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective					
(c) Not separate for sexes.					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)					
TOTAL					

NIL

PART V111 OF THE ACT - Outwork (Sections 133 and 134) ....NIL........